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TITLE: Direct tabletting aids

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### CLAIMS:

## We claim:

- 1. A direct tabletting aid comprising
- A) 75-98% by weight of a powdered cellulose suitable for tabletting
- B) 1-15% by weight of soluble polyvinylpyrrolidone
- C) 0.5-10% by weight of crosslinked insoluble polyvinylpyrrolidone.
- 2. A direct tabletting aid as defined in claim 1, wherein the powdered cellulose is microcrystalline cellulose.
- 3. A direct tabletting aid as defined in claim 2, wherein the microcrystalline cellulose is of a type in which 90% of the particles are in the range from 1 .mu.m to 125 .mu.m, and the average particle size is from 10 .mu.m to 70 .mu.m.
- 4. A direct tabletting aid as defined in claim 1, wherein the soluble polyvinylpyrrolidone has a K value of from 20 to 120.
- 5. A direct tabletting aid as defined in claim 1, wherein the soluble polyvinylpyrrolidone has a K value of from 25 to 95.
- 6. A direct tabletting aid as defined in any of claim 1, which is produced by wet granulation.

- 7. A direct tabletting aid as defined in claim 1, and in particulate form which is produced by fluidized bed granulation.
- 8. A direct tabletting aid as defined in claim 1, wherein 90% of the particles are in the range  $25-700 \, .mu.m.$
- 9. A tablet which comprises a direct tabletting aid as defined in claim 1.
- 10. A process for producing tablets, which comprises compressing an active ingredient with the direct tabletting aid as defined in claim 1.
- 11. A direct tabletting aid as defined in claim 4, wherein the soluble polyvinylpyrrolidone has a K value of from 25 to 95.

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